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NEW SERIES.

We shall, with the beginning of next year, 1862, commence a new series of this journal, somewhat expanded in its scope, and intended to add much to its value not only to the Book Publisher and Bookseller, but to Bibliographers, Scholars, Reading Men, the Literati, Libraries, and Literary Associations.

The main features of the Circular will be the regular publication of

1. Full and complete Lists of all New Books in the United States and Great Britain, as they are issued, with title, size, pages, and price; the names of the publishers being given with the American works.

2. Carefully selected Lists of the most Important Books published throughout continental Europe.

3. Lists of American publications at stated periods, classified according to subject.

4. Annual complete Lists of American Works, alphabetically arranged.

5. Announcements of all New Books in press in America and Great Britain.

6. Expository (not critical) Notices of American Books, as illustrated in the present number.

7. A carefully prepared Digest of Domestic and Foreign Literary Intelligence and Gossip, and occasional Interesting Extracts from New Works.

The conductor believes and hopes that the Booksellers and Book-buyers will see and recognize the value of this paper, and its indispensable necessity to all who would keep themselves informed of the current news in the Literary World. The price, being only one dollar a year, can bear no comparison to its usefulness and general convenience.

TO OLD AND NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Our old Subscribers need not be told that since its commencement in 1855, until and after (June 29th) the present unhappy war had entirely suspended the business of the Book Trade, *the American Publishers' Circular and Literary Gazette* was issued weekly. But we desire to say to them, after it had been continued at a considerable loss for the first half year, we became convinced that it was unnecessary, and perhaps an annoyance to subscribers, to so frequently visit them with little or nothing of any interest. The plan was then adopted of changing it temporarily from a weekly to a monthly, until the revival of Trade, by which means the successive numbers could be made worthy the attention of its readers. The continuance of the present arrangement will depend entirely on the condition of the Trade, and that will in a great measure depend on the prolongation and general results of the present conflict. As it is, we do not doubt that old and new subscribers will not question the reasonableness of our very low subscription price, and will do their best to sustain and encourage a journal which is so important, not only to a large commercial interest, but to the general prosperity of our literature. We have taken the liberty of sending copies of our paper prepaid to a large number of libraries and literary men, who have not yet subscribed, and we hope they will do us the favor of carefully examining its contents, and especially the prospectus for the new series.

Notice to Subscribers in Arrears.—Those who have not yet paid their accounts will confer a favor by remitting at once. The aggregate amount now due is quite large, and though insignificant in the individual items, is very important to us. It will be but the merest justice for those who owe to settle promptly.

Literary Intelligence.

The Book Trade.—Our present number scarcely requires comment. It presents the most hopeful evidence of the revival of the book publishing business in its lists of announcements and new works, and in its advertising columns; and many of our advertisers, we are happy to say, have received the most satisfactory and encouraging support for their new books, the titles of which will be found more than usually numerous, varied and attractive. These appear to indicate, if not a very active business, yet a much better state of affairs than most had anticipated. The condition of the trade seems to depend greatly on the spirit and energy which the publishers may exhibit. If they despond and succumb, the bookseller has nothing to sell, and the reader nothing to buy, and consequently nothing to tempt him from the perplexing intricacies and mystifications of third and fourth editions, the ingenious speculations of war correspondents and the mass of military knowledge, speculations, criticisms, and prophecies which fill the journals.

The Fall Trade Sale.—This occasion was a most agreeable gratification and, we may say, a pleasant surprise to those who had an interest in it. Notwithstanding the most gloomy forebodings of a considerable portion of the usual contributors, the strenuous exertions of Messrs. Geo. A. Leavitt & Co. secured a large and excellent catalogue, and, what was still better, a numerous attendance of buyers, who assembled at their splendid auction rooms in Mercer st. the 22d ult. The general result was an undoubted success; and though the lines were not so large as is customary, the prices were, under all the circumstances, very good indeed, and the duplication more than any one seemed to have expected.

Literature, Life-Insurance, and Billiards.—By a somewhat curious coincidence our advertising columns are, in this number, pleasantly relieved from perhaps too monotonous a specialty by two new contributions. At the first glance the connection between the two and the domain of literature seems quite remote; but considering and cogitating awhile, we discover a nearer affinity than we had at first imagined could exist. Taking into consideration that these times bear measurably hard upon book-writers, readers, and sellers, and that worldly matters, with their thousand irritating troubles, crowd upon the mind, unless more agreeably occupied, the offer made by Messrs. Phelan & Collender of their really splendid and most accurate tables, which afford the overburdened brain a very agreeable relaxation, and the enfeebled body a healthful exercise, is quite opportune; but should any one have abandoned all hope and effort, or should his uneasiness be concerning posthumous matters, the New England Life-Insurance Co. propose, for a very reasonable percentage, to provide for his posterity.

From the London Publishers' Circular, October 1.

Our readers need hardly to be reminded that not only is the excise and import duty upon paper wholly abolished from this day, but the customs duty on books, whether printed before or since 1801, also entirely ceases. Henceforth no officer at our ports will search the traveller's luggage for a forbidden *Tauchnitz* or *Galignani*, and even passengers from New York will pass unchallenged. To import unauthorized reprints, however, will still be unlawful, and will subject the importer to all the penalties previously in force; such publications if imported must necessarily be unsaleable, and would be at all times liable to seizure, so that the inconvenience will, we hope, not be much.

Neither few nor unimportant are the effects of October 1. The prices of our old established newspapers and periodicals are changing in quick succession, to the bewilderment of newsvenders throughout the country. Our paper mills, so long paralyzed by impending changes, are beginning, we hope, to be busy once more, while all signs betoken that the publishing trade is entering upon a new period fruitful with activity and enterprise. Our own peculiar duty is that of a faithful recorder of the issues of the publishing world, to give title pages, and keep to dates, and serve as a reliable reference to the man of letters, the librarian and the bookseller, and an authentic basis for the articles of our more elaborate and imaginative contemporaries. In fulfilment of this work there is not much scope for new features, change, or alteration; yet we contemplated some, and hope to show upon the commencement of our new volume a determination to make the *Publishers' Circular* a still more complete and useful guide to contemporary literature.

The following is our customary analysis of the few more important works of the fortnight:—

In *Literature, Science,* and *Art* we have The Ladies' Assistant in the Formation of their Flower Gardens, illustrated by twenty designs, &c., by Joshua Major and Son, 4to.; Our Black Diamonds, their Origin and Use, by Thomas Plimsoll; Egyptian Hieroglyphics, being an Attempt to explain their Nature, Origin and Meaning, with a Vocabulary, by Samuel Sharpe; Cross Country, by Walter Thornbury; Illustrations of Mechanical Movements and Machines,

arranged by R. Scott Burn; A Manual of the Sub-Kingdom Cœlenterata, by J. R. Greene; and The Book of Farm Buildings, by Henry Stephens and R. Scott Burn.

In *Geography* and *Travel* we note Mr. Olmsted's Journeys and Explorations in the Cotton Kingdom; and Braemer, its Topography and Natural History, by Rev. J. M. Crombie.

In *Theology*.—The Gospel according to St. Matthew Explained, by Dr. J. A. Alexander; The Man Emmanuel, a View of the Character and Work of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by the Rev. J. Rogers; Brief Memoirs of the late Rev. William Dunn, by his Widow; God's Word and God's Works, a subject for Every Day in the Year, arranged by F. H. Knapp.

In *Fiction*.—Notice to Quit, by W. G. Wills, 3 vols.; East Lynne, by Mrs. Henry Wood, 3 vols.; Hills and Plains, a very Old Story, 2 vols.; Mabel's Cross, by E. M. P., 2 vols.; and among smaller works Mr. W. H. G. Kingstone's Jack Buntline, or Life on the Ocean, illustrated; The Red Eric, or the Whaler's Last Cruise, by R. M. Ballantyne.

In *Law* we have The Game Laws of the United Kingdom, with Introduction, Cases, Notes and Index, by J. Patterson; The Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency, as founded on the Recent Statute, by J. F. Archbold.

Among *Juvenile Works*, Life among the Indians, by George Catlin; The Story of Arthur Hunter and his First Shilling, with other Tales, by Mrs. Crowe, illustrated; Our Nursery Story Book, with 230 pictures, colored.

New Editions.—A few new editions worth notice have also appeared, among which are The Land of the Forum and the Vatican, by Dr. Newman Hall; the first two volumes of Sir William Hamilton's Lectures on Metaphysics and Logic, edited by the Rev. H. L. Mansel and J. Veitch; a 2d of Ellicott's Critical and Grammatical Commentary on St. Paul's Epistles to the Philippians, Colossians, &c., with a revised translation; and a 4th of Mr. Dickens's Great Expectations.

Messrs. Smith, Elder, and Co.'s new list of announcements comprises a Narrative of the North China Campaign of 1860, containing Personal Experiences of Chinese Character, and of the Moral and Social Condition of the Country, by Robert Swinhoe, of H. M.'s Consular Service in China, Staff Interpreter to Sir Hope Grant during the Campaign, with five illustrations and plan; The Correspondence of Leigh Hunt, edited by his Eldest Son, with a Photographic Portrait, 2 vols.; a new volume of fairy tales by Holme Lee; The Four Georges, Sketches of Manners, Morals, Court and Town Life; and Lovel the Widower, by W. M. Thackeray.

Mr. Murray is about to republish, in a cheaper form, his series, entitled The Home and Colonial Library, the various works being now arranged as two distinct series, under the heads of Biography, History, and Historic Tales, and Voyages, Travels, and Adventures, each work to be complete in itself; Washington Irving's Works, Darwin's Voyage of a Naturalist, and Buxton's Life, are no longer to be included in the series.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. will publish next season Criminal Law, by J. Fitzjames Stephens, 1 vol.; The Letter and the Spirit, Sermons preached before the University of Oxford, by the Rev. C. P. Chretien; and other works already announced.

Mr. A. W. Bennett will publish on the 15th inst. Ruined Abbeys and Castles of Great Britain, edited by William and Mary Howitt, the photographic illustrations by Bedford, Sedgfield, Wilson, Fenton, and others.

Messrs. Edmonston and Douglas's list of new publications includes The History of Scottish Poetry, from the Middle Ages to the Close of the 17th Century, by the late David Irving; a Memoir of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ralph Abercromby, K. B. 1793–1801; Observations in Clinical Surgery, by James Syme, 1 vol.; Public Health in relation to Air and Water, by W. T. Gairdner, 1 vol.; Rab and his Friends, by John Brown, M. D., with illustrations by George Harvey and others, 1 vol.; Specimens of Ancient Gaelic Poetry, &c. &c.

Mr. John Maclaren, of Edinburgh, announces Sermons, by the late Rev. Andrew Grey, Free West Church, Perth, with Memoir by R. S. Candlish, D.D., 1 vol.; and a 3d edition, enlarged, of The Days of the Fathers in Ross-shire, by Rev. J. Kennedy, Dingwall, 1 vol.

Mr. Churchill's new list of announcements comprises The Second Step in Chemistry, by Robert Galloway; Lectures, Reports, and Memoranda in Clinical Surgery, by Jonathan Hutchinson; a Practical Treatise on the Diseases and Infirmities of Advanced Life, by D. Maclachlan, Physician to Chelsea Hospital; a Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Chest, by Henry W. Fuller, Physician to St. George's Hospital; Researches on the Nature and Treatment of Diabetes, by F. W. Pavy, M. D.; and numerous other works.

Messrs. Houlston and Wright will publish early in October Lyra Anglicana, Hymns and Sacred Songs, arranged by the Rev. R. H. Baynes, M. A., St. Paul's, Whitechapel; Bible Geography of the Old and New Testaments, by Charles Baker, Esq., of Doncaster; Thirty-three Years in Victoria and Tasmania, by G. T. Lloyd, Esq.; &c.

Lady Charlotte Pepys' new work, Domestic Sketches in Russia, in 2 vols., will be published in a few days by Messrs. Hurst and Blackett. The same house announces Country Society, a novel; also a novel, entitled The House at Rosefield, &c.

A recent return furnishes us with some interesting information as to the progress of the paper manufacture in England in relation to the supplies of foreign rags. It appears (we shall use round numbers) that British manufacturers made in 1830 about 63 millions of pounds, and that this amount has regularly increased until we have reached an annual production of nearly four times that quantity. As to the rags imported they amounted at the former date to nearly 10,000 tons, or sufficient to make 24 per cent. of the paper then made: but in 1860 the rag importations had only reached a little more than 16,000 tons, or just enough to make 11 per cent. of our paper only. This certainly looks as if we could not expect to receive from abroad much aid in the way of the raw material necessary for the new supplies; but alarmists may take comfort from the fact that although the proportion of paper made from foreign rags has been gradually diminishing since 1830, the price of paper has been falling, and that in a considerably greater degree than can be explained by the reductions of duty.

A curious attempt has recently been made in France to establish a copy right in telegraphic dispatches by an action brought against a newspaper entitled *La Gironde*, for copying the telegrams furnished to the journals by the Havas' agency. The action having failed, it was thought worth while to appeal to the Court of Cassation. The result, as might be expected, is that the Court confirms the decision of the inferior tribunal, the reasons given being that "telegrams bringing to the knowledge of the public political, literary, and scientific news, cannot be regarded as works of the mind," and that, "since the public have the right to avail themselves of an item of news published by the papers, and to repeat or comment on it, the same right cannot be denied to journalists." The Court, however, seem to have thought it proper to support their decision by the additional argument that the journal in question appeared "neither to have advanced nor retarded its impression for the sake of availing themselves gratuitously of the despatches," and have done no other kind of act indicating an unfair rivalry. In England it is well understood that no claim to copyright in news can be sustained. This principle may undoubtedly entail, and indeed does entail, frequent hardships. The most liberal expenditure in getting information could hardly secure the enterprising journal the start of an active pirate, determined to appropriate the news; but a very little reflection must convince any one that any attempt to cure this evil by a copyright law must lead to inconveniences far more serious.

New Publications

Received at the Office of the AMERICAN PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR

[In the following List will be found the names of such books only as have been sent to this Journal. The titles of all books as they are issued will be regularly inserted in the proper column.]

Rudd & Carleton have got out "*The Last Political Writings of General Nathaniel Lyon, U. S. A., with a Sketch of his Life and Military Services.*" As explanatory of the purpose and character of this work, we copy a brief introduction which we have received with the volume: "The substance of this volume consists of a series of articles, written by the late General Lyon, in the summer and fall of 1860, and contributed to an influential journal in the West. These papers, sixteen in all, are what we might have expected from him—frank, manly, and earnest—the outspoken sentiments of a brave and honest man. He faced the political questions of the time in a right soldierly fashion, dealing as valiant blows with his pen as afterwards with his sword. The interest which his death has imparted to his writings, joined to their merit in a political point of view, has led the publishers to think them worthy of preservation in a more permanent form than that in which they originally appeared. The sketch of his life has been prepared with care, and is believed to be correct in every essential point. Among the eminent men who have expressed an interest in the publication of the volume, may be mentioned the Hon. Geo. Bancroft, who remarks in a note to the editor:—'I trust you will succeed in raising a memorial to your friend General Lyon, whose military services were beyond all praise; whose character, as you described to me, was beautifully earnest; and whose sad death reflects infinite honor on his own memory, and, I fear, shame on those who left him to fall a martyr to his duty, his patriotism, his zeal, and the disinterested, natural self-sacrificing element of his character.'" Also, "*The Cloister and the Hearth; or, Maid, Wife, and Widow: a Matter-of-Fact Romance,*" by Charles Reade, author of "Never too Late to Mend," "Love Me Little, Love Me Long," etc. Of this book 7,000 were printed, and nearly all sold within a week.

Mason Brothers have got out, in two very neat volumes, "*The Cotton Kingdom: a Traveller's Observations on Cotton and Slavery in the American Slave States; based upon three former Volumes of Journeys and Investigations by the same Author,*" by Frederick Law Olmsted. The works from which this is compiled are well known to the public, and appreciated for their very clear, candid, and interesting descriptions of life, manners, and scenes, the value and reliability of which are much enhanced by the evident thorough familiarity of the writer with all matters relating to industrial pursuits, and further by the impartiality of his record.

J. B. Lippincott & Co. favor us with a copy of "*Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States*, 1861." This forms a large and very well gotten up book. It treats of every department, direct or contingent, and is very full and thorough, embracing everything necessary to be known for every grade, whether general or private, for infantry, cavalry, artillery, engineers, etc. The work is introduced by the following note from Hon. Simon Cameron, Secretary of War, dated Aug. 10, 1861: "Whereas, it has been found expedient to revise the Regulations for the Army, and the same having been approved by the President of the United States, he commands that they be published for the information and government of the military service, and that, from and after the date hereof, they shall be strictly observed as the sole and standing authority upon the matter therein contained. Nothing contrary to the tenor of these Regulations will be enjoined in any part of the forces of the United States by any commander whatsoever."

WALKER, WISE & Co. publish "*Woman's Rights under the Law: in Three Lectures, delivered in Boston, January*, 1861," by Caroline H. Dall, author of "Woman's Right to Labor," "Historical Pictures Retouched," etc., etc. Mrs. Dall remarks in the commencement of her Preface: "There seems, at first sight, a certain presumption in offering to an American public, at this moment, any book which does not treat of the great interests which convulse and perplex the United States. But experience has shown that neither the individual nor the national mind can remain continually upon the rack; and both author and publisher have thought that a book upon a serious subject, popular in form and low in price, would find, perhaps, a more hearty welcome, under present circumstances, than in those prosperous days when romances and poems, travels and biographies, are scattered over every table by the score. 'Woman's Right to Labor' owed its warm welcome, not to the power or skill of its author, but to the impatient interest of philanthropists in every thing relating to that subject. It remains to be seen whether as large a portion of the public and the press are prepared to treat with candid consideration the subject of the present essays."

ROBERT CARTER & BROTHERS publish "*Sunsets on Hebrew Mountains*," by the Rev. P. J. Macduff, D. D., author of "Morning and Night Watches," &c. We quote from the author's introduction: "If the following pages contained a mere roll and record of death-bed scenes, they would form a gloomy volume. Such, however, is not their purport. While the author has occasionally dwelt (as in the two opening chapters) on the closing hours of scripture worthies,—whenever incidents of note in connection with these are recorded,—he has, in general, rather sought to make their 'last days' the standpoint for a retrospective view of character and history. It has been his endeavor mainly to inculcate, not so much lessons from death, as lessons from life viewed from this its solemn termination. As an eloquent writer has remarked, 'Death is often at once the close and the epitome of existence. It is the index at the end of a volume. All a man's properties seem to gather round him as he is about to leave the world.' There is often, moreover, a mellowed glory surrounding the hour of dissolution. God's saints are like forest trees in their golden autumn tints—grandest in decay, when the hand of death is on them. They often hear, like Bunyan's hero, the distant bells from the land of Beulah. Ministering angels seem to bring down draughts—prelibations—from the river of life, to refresh their spirits in the closing conflict."—"*Life Work; or, the Link and Rivet*," by L. N. R., author of "The Book and Its Story," and "The Missing Link," is a sequel to the latter work. They have also got out two new juveniles, both illustrated, one by A. L. O. E., the well-known and popular writer for the young, entitled "*Parliament in the Play-room*." The author observes: "Few words are required to introduce the following little tale to the parents of my juvenile readers. It is intended to convey some slight information upon subjects not usually introduced into a work of this kind; and also to suggest such amusements as may be to the mental powers in the play-room, what the swing and giant stride are to the corporeal powers in the play-ground—something combining exercise with diversion. If another and a higher object has been also before me while penning my story, I leave my dear young readers to discover what that object may be." Also, "*Wee Davie*," by Norman Macleod, D.D., author of "The Gold Thread," etc. Both are illustrated.

TICKNOR & FIELDS have just published "*Cecil Dreeme*," by Theodore Winthrop, whose graphic and spirited sketches in the *Atlantic Monthly*, a few months since, descriptive of the march and camp life of the 7th New York Infantry, gave so much hopeful promise for the future. His lamented death on the battle-field, while at the head of his command, must still be vivid in the memory of most of our readers. As an evidence of the interest taken in the present work, which has been selected from among the MSS. he had written for his own amusement, it may be mentioned that during the first week of its publication 4,000 copies were sold. Also, "*Sermons preached in the Chapel of Harvard College*," by James Walker, D.D. Of these there are twenty-five, covering a variety of interesting topics. "*Edwin of Deira*," a poem by Alexander Smith, author of "A Life Drama and other Poems," so much talked of, and of which the publishers have printed the twentieth edition, and of a more recent volume, entitled "City Poems," is another book which will doubtless attract attention. It is needless to say that they are issued in excellent style.

JAMES G. GREGORY publishes in a very neat volume, "*Patriotic and Heroic Eloquence; a Book for the Patriot, Statesman, and Student*." It contains a large number of pieces in prose and verse, and the list of writers includes a great many of our most distinguished statesmen and authors.

T. B. PETERSON & BROTHERS have got out, in paper, 8vo., "*Lady Maud, the Wonder of Kingswood Chase; or, Earl Gower, or the Secret Marriage*," by Pierce Egan, author of "Love Me," "Leave Me Not," "Lady Blanche," &c.

SWAN, BREWER & TILESTON have got out a "*Manual of Agriculture for the School, the Farm, and the Fireside*," by George B. Emerson, author of a "Report on the Trees and Shrubs of Massachussetts." We quote from the Preface: "This book is intended to supply an important defect in the instruction of youth. Children should not only receive instruction in the various studies now pursued in the schools, but they should be enabled to obtain the rudiments of a correct agricultural education in the forming period of life. Many of them are destined to work upon the surface of the earth, and to use the materials of which it is formed. They are to co-operate with the great powers of nature, and to be able, in many instances, to control these powers. They instinctively long to become acquainted with the materials they are to work upon, and the powers they are to work with. An agricultural education should, therefore, be commenced in childhood."

HARPER & BROTHERS issue two new and interesting books, "*The Okavango River; a Narrative of Travel, Exploration, and Adventure*," by Charles John Andersson, author of "Lake Ngami," who observes in his preface, "The traveller in Africa had formerly a very simple task to perform when he came before the public to give an account of his adventurous inroads into that most repulsive and least accessible quarter of the globe. Readers were then satisfied with a few details of mere discovery—with a few latitudes and longitudes, as correctly set down as might be. At present they demand much more. He is now expected to be competently versed in many sciences, and in much knowledge out of the beat of ordinary accomplishments. He is supposed to understand meteorology, hydrometry, and hydrogeny; to collect geological specimens, to gather political and commercial information, to advance the infant study of ethnology, to sketch, to write a copious journal, to shoot and stuff birds and beasts, to collect grammars and vocabularies, and frequently to forward long reports to the Royal Geographical Society. Now, without pretending to have reached, or to have at all closely approached this standard of an explorer's qualifications, I have certainly touched, in the following pages, on several of the topics just enumerated. My humbler object, however, has been merely, by a plain narrative of my adventures, accompanied by the remarks they have suggested, so to mingle information with amusement as to make a pleasant and somewhat instructive book. Five years have now elapsed since my former work on South Africa was published. I have, since then, become much better acquainted with that country than I was at that time. The denizens of its wilds and deserts have especially, as a sportsman, engaged my attention, and I think the parts of this volume devoted to my hunting excursions will be found particularly interesting and exciting. Africa, in fact, may be said, even up to the present day, to be principally inhabited by wild beasts. Its savage human natives only afford a study of rational life on so low a scale as hardly to justify the epithet I have just made use of, whereas one may, in the regions I have frequented, luxuriate in the contemplation of pure animal existence in its fullest and freest developments. To do so has been to me a great source of enjoyment. Living pictures of the *feræ naturæ* in multitudes, in endless variety, oftentimes, too, of beauty and of happiness, have a wonderful attraction to the reasoning intellect looking *down* upon them, yet mightily *humbled* by its sense of superiority! In brief, Africa is a vast zoological garden and a vast hunting-field at the same time. Let us visit it, reader, and let us hunt over it together. Our drier explorations, and our companionship through them, will be all the pleasanter for this recreation. A word more before I conclude. As I have found it currently believed, both on the Continent and at home, that the Royal Geographical Society or that the British government has paid the costs of my several explorations in the interior of Africa, I must, in justice to myself, contradict this statement in the most unqualified manner. The expenses of all my African expeditions have been defrayed entirely by myself. In this volume I have seen reason to alter the spelling of a few places mentioned in 'Lake Ngami.'" In a note to this edition the publishers state, among other matters, that "the English edition of 'The Okavango River' contains no map or table of distances. The American publishers have endeavored to supply this deficiency by inserting a map, originally prepared for Livingstone's Travels. The principal points ascertained by Mr. Andersson having been added, this is the best accessible map of Southern Africa." Besides this, and a portrait of the author, there are a number of spirited illustrations. —Also, "*The Last Travels of Ida Pfeiffer; inclusive of a Visit to Madagascar; with an Autobiographical Memoir of the Author*," translated by H. W. Dulcken. We extract the preface contributed by her son. "It was at Buenos Ayres that I received the intelligence of the death of my beloved mother. Shortly before her decease she had expressed the wish that I should arrange and prepare for publication the papers she left concerning her last voyage to Madagascar. The dangerous illness which befell her in the Mauritius immediately after she had left Madagascar, and which, in spite of the most careful medical attention, and the kindest nursing on the part of her friends, proved fatal, prevented her from doing this herself. When, after a few months, I returned from Buenos Ayres to Rio de Janeiro, I found my mother's papers waiting for me there; but the loss was too recent, and my grief too violent, to allow me to read them then, much less to peruse them with the care and attention which must necessarily precede their publication. At length I made up my mind to the task. I was obliged to go through it, for it was my mother's last wish. Filial duty induced me to leave my dear mother's journal as little altered as possible. In thus giving this last work of my mother to the world, I trust that our kind readers will receive it with the indulgence they have so frequently extended to the other works of the late enterprising traveler." It contains a very correct portrait of the distinguished traveller.

BROWN & TAGGARD favor us with a copy of Vol. II. of "*The Works of Francis Bacon, Baron of Verulam, Viscount St. Albans, and Lord High Chancellor of England*," collected and edited by James Spedding, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge; Robert Leslie Ellis, M.A., late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; and Douglas Denon Heath, barrister-at-law, late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. This is a new and very excellent edition, neatly and tastefully printed and bound, and although the present volume is second in the natural order, it is the seventh published, the last five having been first issued, as they contained those works more familiar to the general reader. Such editions as these, and during last year and this several have been completed, combining all the requirements of good taste and durability in their mechanical execution,—and comprising some of the most conspicuous names in American and English literature,—deserve the encouragement of all reading men who wish to see a higher literary appreciation prevail, which the circulation of such books would promote. Lastly, and not leastly, the prices at which they are sold bear no comparison to their intrinsic value.

New Announcements since our Last Issue.

Walker, Wise & Co.

Tracts for Priests and People.
Goldwin's Lectures on Modern History, delivered at Oxford, 1859-'61.
Altar at Home. Second series. The Prayers by a number of distinguished American Divines.
Silver-Penny Series. 6 vols. Second edition.
Recent Inquiries in Theology. ("Essays and Reviews.") Fourth edition.

Brown & Taggard.

The Works of Francis Bacon. Volume III.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

For Better; for Worse: a Love Story.

Charles Scribner.

Lessons in Life, by Timothy Titcomb.

Ticknor & Fields.

Religio Medici, Urn-Burial, and other Works of Sir Thomas Browne.

Harper & Brothers.

Notice to Quit: a Novel, by W. G. Wills.
Streaks of Light, by the author of "Peep of Day," "Reading without Tears."

Lindsay & Blakiston

The Law of Nations considered as Independent Political Communities: their Rights and Duties in Times of Peace and War, by Travers Twiss, D.C.L., Regius Professor of Civil Law in the University of Oxford.

James Miller.

Amy Deane, and other Stories, by Virginia F. Townsend. Illustrated.
The Magic Ring, and other Oriental Fairy Tales. Illustrated.
The Favorite Scholar, and other Stories, by Mary Howitt.
Old Wonder Eyes, by Grace Greenwood.

List of New Works.

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ANDERSSON.—The Okavango River: a Narrative of Travel, Exploration, and Adventure. By Charles John Andersson, author of "Lake Ngami." With Numerous Illustrations, and a Map of Southern Africa. 8vo. pp. 414. [Harper & Brothers.] 2 00

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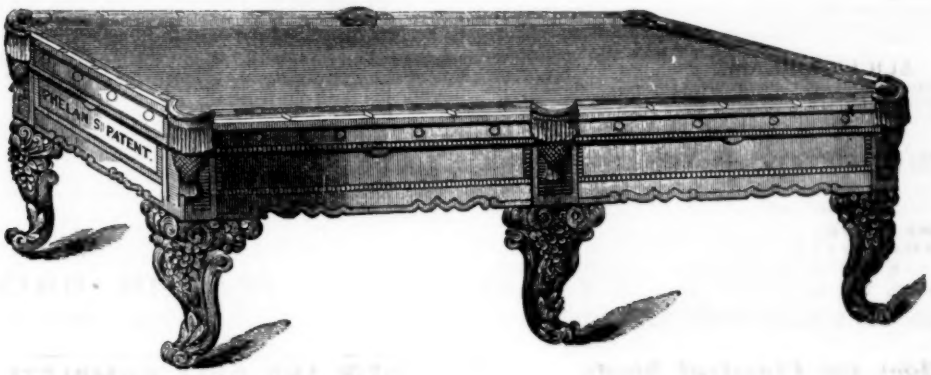

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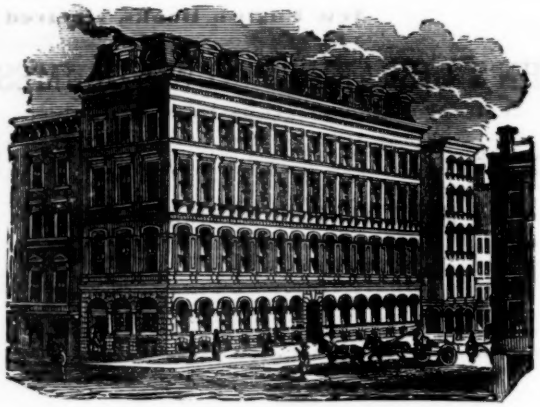

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